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FRAUDULENT E-MAIL WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT LOGO

Los Angeles – March 17, 2011 – A fraudulent e-mail containing the heading “Acid Rain Precautions” and the County of Los Angeles Fire Department logo has surfaced, warning residents that radioactive particles released from the Fukushima Nuclear Plant in Japan could mix with rain and “cause burns, alopecia or even cancer.”

“The County of Los Angeles Fire Department has not issued this statement nor do we believe the statements within the e-mail to be factual”, says Public Affairs Battalion Chief Jon O’Brien. Residents within Los Angeles County seeking information on the potential impact from the release at the Fukushima Nuclear Plant are advised to obtain their information from a reputable agency. Additionally, individuals are reminded to use caution when viewing e-mails and to always verify the source of their information.

For information relating to the potential impact on the U.S. from the release at the Fukushima Nuclear Plant visit:

[County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health](#)

[California Department of Public Health](#)

[Environmental Protection Agency](#)

[United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission](#)

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